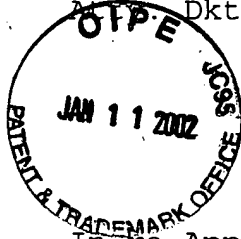


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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/720,907 )  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the  
above-identified application as follows:


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 41, after Table 7, kindly insert the attached  
SEQUENCE LISTING.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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